From: DSCA (USA)

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Subject: Blanket Waiver for Pandemic Indemnification Letter

Colleagues,

Regarding the indemnification letter required by USD P&R guidance memo for IMS training and authorized dependents at U.S. government facilities, dated 12 Jun 2020, DSCA has approved a blanket waiver <u>if</u>:

- (1) Prior to ITO issuance, the U.S. country team provides the applicable commercial medical insurance policy to the relevant Service for a coverage review;
- (2) The Service review of the commercial policy coverage determines that the policy meets SAMM Chap 10 requirements;
- (3) The Service also determines that the insurance policy terms clearly and explicitly provide coverage for any medical care costs for any pandemic related treatment; and
- (4) The SCO informs the IMS that he/she will be financially responsible for any medical care costs for provided treatment that falls outside the scope of the commercial insurance policy coverage.

If a Service finds that a commercial health insurance policy explicitly excludes medical care costs related to pandemic treatment and/or it is unclear from the policy terms whether pandemic related medical care will be covered, an indemnification letter is required. In lieu of providing an indemnification letter to supplement an inadequate commercial health insurance policy, an IMS may also opt to obtain a different commercial insurance policy that clearly extends coverage for pandemic related medical care.

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